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FROM FIELD AND STUDY

An adult food plant of *Ethon breve* (Coleoptera: Buprestidae).—On September 23, 1979 while walking in bushland in an adjacent allotment opposite the W.A. Dept. of Agriculture, South Perth, I found, on one flower of *Patersonia occidentalis* R.Br., an individual of the jewel beetle *Ethon breve* Carter, feeding on a petal, but the insect eluded capture. 110 flowers of numerous *P. occidentalis* plants were closely examined during 1120 to 1420 hours, but only four beetles were observed on the flowers, all of which were collected. 46 flowers (42% of those examined) had feeding damage to the petals. The sexual parts (i.e. style and stamens) of 5 flowers had been eaten. Since numbers of *E. breve* appeared low at the time, it is doubtful whether all feeding damage was attributable to this beetle. I also found a grasshopper (Tettigoniidae) chewing a petal of a flower. It is possible that grasshoppers are the main insects responsible for the feeding damage observed. *Ethon* is a small genus of beetles restricted to Australia. Carter (*Proc. Linn. Soc. N.S.W.*, 48, 1923: 159-176) noted adults of *Ethon* species from around Sydney fed on *Dillwynia* and *Pultenaea* (Fabaceae). It is thus interesting to note *E. breve* feeding on a species of the Iridaceae (a monocotyledonous family).

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Further Notes on Mistletoes from the Murchison Area, W.A.—The undetermined mistletoe mentioned in my previous article (*West. Aust. Nat.*, 14, 1979: 160-161) has been identified by Mr. A. S. George (W.A. Herbarium) as *Anyema sanguineum* (F. Muell.) Dans. Barlow, (*Aust. J. Bot.*, 14, 1966: 421-499) states that this is a widespread species in northern Australia "from North West Cape to north-east Queensland in open forests and is predominantly parasitic on *Eucalyptus* spp., rarely on *Melaleuca* spp. and a few other hosts." The following Western Australian eucalypts have been recorded as hosts for *A. sanguineum* (based on collections in the W.A. Herbarium, Perth)—*Eucalyptus argillacea*, *E. camaldulensis*, *E. terminalis* and *E. tetradonta*. My collection from *E. microtheca* adds a further host record.

On April 14, 1979, *Anyema gibberuhum** (Tate) Dans. was collected